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Item #33

AN ORDINANCE      **9 8 4 6 9**

**AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH SPORTFIELD, L.L.C. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$184,000 FOR THE LEASE OF AN IN-FILLED TURF SYSTEM FOR USE IN THE ALAMODOME FOR THE PERIOD NOVEMBER 16, 2003 THROUGH JANUARY 16, 2004, WITH AN OPTION PERIOD FROM APRIL 25, 2004 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 18, 2004; AUTHORIZING THE EXPENDITURE OF \$34,350 FOR NECESSARY COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE INSTALLATION AND MULTIPLE CONVERSIONS OF THE TURF SYSTEM INCLUDING THE RENTAL OF 25,000 LB AND 20,000 LB FORKLIFTS FROM EQUIPMENT DEPOT FOR \$14,300, THE RENTAL OF TWO LAYMORE SWEEPERS FROM SUNBELT RENTAL FOR \$2,400, THE FABRICATION OF TWO SETS OF RACK AND ROLLER SYSTEMS BY PACIFIC MACHINE SHOP FOR \$13,790, SOLID RUBBER TIRES TO RETROFIT EXISTING ALAMODOME FORKLIFTS FROM TEELER INDUSTRIAL TIRES FOR \$3,860; AND PROVIDING FOR PAYMENT.**

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**WHEREAS**, although the average life of AstroTurf is between seven and nine years, the AstroTurf currently used in the Alamodome is eleven years old and has undergone 125 conversions contributing to deteriorating seams and zippers, and Big X and Big XII college football conference coaches and officials, as well as high-school football coaches whose teams frequently play in the Alamodome, have expressed serious concerns about the safety of the playing field; and

**WHEREAS**, staff is currently developing specifications and funding options for the purchase of a new turf system for the Alamodome which would incorporate the latest technology in artificial playing surfaces and be widely accepted by the professional and amateur sports communities; and

**WHEREAS**, the Dallas Cowboys held training camps in the Alamodome in 2002 and 2003 and contracted with Sportfield L.L.C. ("Sportfield") to install its in-filled turf system in the Alamodome on a temporary basis for the camps, which system remains at the Alamodome; and

**WHEREAS**, there are several upcoming events at the Alamodome needing turf, including numerous high-school football playoff and state championship games in November and December, the MasterCard Alamo Bowl in December, the U.S. Army All-American Bowl in January and a potential professional soccer game; and

**WHEREAS**, although the Sportfield system in its current configuration does not fulfill the portability and conversion needs of the Alamodome and cannot be considered as a permanent turf solution, with some modifications to Alamodome equipment and the rental of additional equipment, the Sportfield in-filled turf can be utilized for these upcoming events; and

**WHEREAS**, in order to satisfy the short-term turf requirements, staff recommends that City Council authorize an agreement with Sportfield to lease its in-filled turf system and associated conversion services from November 16, 2003 through January 16, 2004, with an option period from April 25, 2004 through September 18, 2004, and the rental of essential installation and conversion equipment; **NOW THEREFORE:**

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO:**

**SECTION 1.** An agreement with Sportfield, L.L.C. in the amount of \$184,000 for the lease of an in-filled turf system for use in the Alamodome for the period November 16, 2003 through January 16, 2004, with an option period from April 25, 2004 through September 18, 2004, is hereby authorized and approved.

**SECTION 2.** The City Manager or her designee is hereby authorized, for a sixty (60)-day period following the effective date of this Ordinance, to execute a Turf Lease Conversion Agreement with Sportfield, L.L.C. A copy of said Agreement, in substantially final form, is attached hereto and incorporated herein as Exhibit I.

**SECTION 3.** The expenditure of \$34,350 for necessary costs associated with the installation and multiple conversions of the turf system, including the rental of 25,000 lb and 20,000 lb forklifts from Equipment Depot for \$14,300, the rental of two Laymore Sweepers from Sunbelt Rental for \$2,400, the fabrication of two sets of rack and roller systems by Pacific Machine Shop for \$13,790, and solid rubber tires to retrofit existing Alamodome forklifts from Teeler Industrial Tires for \$3,860, is hereby authorized and approved.

**SECTION 4.** Funds in the amount of \$218,350 are authorized to be encumbered in Fund 29-005000 (Miscellaneous Special Revenue Fund) in Index Code 753525 entitled "Fees to Professionals – Visitation and Mediation" and are made payable to the following vendors in the amounts indicated:

Sportfield L.L.C	\$184,000.00
Equipment Depot	\$ 14,300.00
Sunbelt Rental	\$ 2,400.00
Pacific Machine Shop	\$ 13,790.00
Teeler Industrial Tires	<u>\$ 3,860.00</u>
Total	\$218,350.00

**SECTION 5.** The financial allocations in this Ordinance are subject to approval by the Director of Finance of the City of San Antonio. The Director of Finance may, subject to concurrence by the City Manager or the City Manager's designee, correct allocations to specific index codes and fund numbers as necessary to carry out the purposes of this Ordinance.

**SECTION 6.** This Ordinance shall be effective on and after the tenth day after passage hereof.

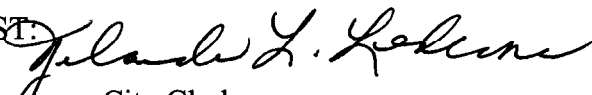
PASSED AND APPROVED this 13<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2003.



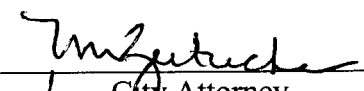
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EDWARD D. GARZA

ATTEST:

  
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

  
for City Attorney